

What is claimed is:

1. A hand-held device useful for dispensing a liquid material comprising:
a housing containing the material to be dispensed and having a dispensing nozzle and a resettable ratchet operatively connected to a biased piston; said ratchet mechanism including a release lever normally preventing movement of said piston until released, wherein when said lever is released said piston is biased toward said dispensing nozzle, such that an amount of the material is urged to flow toward said nozzle; said housing being configured to be pen-like.
2. A dispensing device as in claim 1, wherein said housing is configured to receive an ampoule containing the material to be dispensed.
3. A dispensing device as in claim 1, wherein said piston comprises a plurality of ratchet teeth operatively interacting with said lever.
4. A dispensing device as in claim 3, wherein said lever is pivotally mounted and is biased such that it is normally in physical contact with at least one of said plurality of ratchet teeth until said lever is manually pivoted out of said physical contact.